

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests, please, in the south balcony. Senator Dierks has some guests from Petersburg, Nebraska High School at Petersburg, Nebraska, 10 high school students with their teacher. Would you students and teacher please stand up so we may recognize you? Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Bernard-Stevens, please, to close.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I will give the first few minutes of my closing to Senator Crosby who I believe had some comments she wanted to say.

PRESIDENT: Senator Crosby, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'll just say one thing that I didn't...I voted against closing debate because I didn't think anybody would help Senator Bernard-Stevens and we do get these bills that on the surface seem to be...have a good motive, but I think Senator Bernard-Stevens had a point with his amendment and also with his motion to indefinitely postpone because I think that this gets very complicated for businesses to report every little thing, and I think if you pin them...if you get down to the point where they are supposed to tell everything and make all kinds of reports to the Department of Revenue that are going to made public, I think they probably won't make any reports at all. So I'm going to vote for the indefinitely postponement motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to continue?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I guess I want to respond very quickly if I can to